

## ALEXANDRIA AFFAIRS

## Council to Consider Taxation of the City Addition.

## LEGAL STEPS NECESSARY

John J. Herrmann Acquitted of Blame for Injuries Which Caused William Taylor's Death.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., November 17.—A called meeting of the city council will be held at 7 o'clock tonight for the purpose of arranging the necessary legal steps on behalf of the city to have the commissioner of revenue assess the land and personal property in the annexed territory for taxation. The suit will take the form of mandamus proceedings.

C. H. Callahan, commissioner of revenue, some time ago wrote a letter to the city council in reference to its resolution, passed July 12, asking him to assess the property, in which he declined, adding that if it were within his power he would gladly do so. The city wants the land, tangible property, etc., assessed for city purposes.

It is probable that at the council meeting the question of having additional legal counsel to assist the corporation attorney in the suit will be discussed.

## Recent Deaths.

The funeral of Mrs. Matilda J. Rafferty, wife of John T. Rafferty, who died yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis T. Quinn, 708 King street, will take place at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning from St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Mrs. Rafferty was fifty-one years old and a native of Charles county, Md. Her death followed a brief illness. The body was removed to her late home, 715 King street.

Mrs. Sarah A. Bashford's funeral took place this morning from St. Mary's Catholic Church. Services were conducted by Rev. Father L. P. Kelly, and burial was made in St. Mary's cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Janie Lee Atkinson took place this morning from her late home in Washington, Rev. Dr. J. W. Duffey, pastor of the M. E. Church, officiating. Burial was made in the Washington district of the M. E. Church.

The body of Maurice Bentley was forwarded today to Sandy Spring, Md., for burial.

## Acquitted of Blame.

John J. Herrmann of Washington was exonerated of all blame in connection with the death of William Taylor, colored, who died Friday at the hospital from injuries received by being run over by Mr. Herrmann's automobile. A coroner's jury, summoned by Dr. R. J. Tates of Alexandria county, passed on the case. The jury met for four days, and returned a verdict that the accident was an unavoidable one.

## Benefit Entertainments.

An oyster supper will be given at the parish hall of Christ P. E. Church tomorrow evening, from 5 until 9 o'clock, for the benefit of the Immanuel Chapel, Braddock, Alexandria county.

A musical concert will be given in Christ Church parish hall at 8 o'clock tonight for the benefit of the choir fund. Local and Washington talent will take part.

Frank W. Smith and company will give a performance entitled "The Corcoran" at 8 o'clock at the Young Men's Sodality Lyceum Hall, for the benefit of a widow.

## General and Personal Items.

Canton No. 1, Patriarch Militant, I. O. O. F., will drill at Armory Hall tomorrow night. At this meeting arrangements will be made for the annual inspection, which will take place at Odd Fellows' Hall Monday night, November 22.

Smoke coming from the shingle roof of a small frame dwelling house at Wilkes and St. Asaph streets at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon caused the turning in of a fire alarm.

Samarian Rebekah Lodge of Odd Fellows will meet at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at Odd Fellows' hall.

Emma Tebo of New Orleans is visiting Miss Coralie Greenaway, 214 North Columbus street.

No. 871, Fraternal Order of Eagles, at its meeting tonight will nominate officers. The annual election will take place in December.

For the first time in many years the board of police commissioners tonight will meet at police headquarters instead of in the office of the mayor.

## IS HELD IN PHILADELPHIA.

William Waters Charged With Assaulting Policeman's Wife.

William Waters, colored, whose home is said to be in this city, is under arrest in Philadelphia in connection with the assault committed upon Mrs. Broderick, wife of Policeman J. J. Broderick, of the sixth precinct, in the Capitol grounds the night of May 20 last.

Mr. and Mrs. Broderick saw the prisoner in Philadelphia yesterday and the latter identified him as being her assailant.

Mrs. Broderick and Miss Mary Walsh, a friend, were on their way home from an entertainment given at Providence Hospital and were near the grove in the Capitol grounds when a colored man accosted them.

He slashed Mrs. Broderick across the face with a knife.

Miss Walsh was assaulted by an unidentified colored man about a year before Mrs. Broderick had her painful experience, and it is stated, she, too, was on her way home from an entertainment at Providence Hospital when she was assaulted. Inspector Grant today sent a detective to Philadelphia to get Waters.

## WAR OFFICIALLY REPORTED.

## BRITISH STATEMENT.

LONDON, November 17.—Official communication from Field Marshal Sir John French, dated Tuesday: Since my communication of November 10 the artillery on both sides has been active, especially south of La Bassée canal, east of Kemmel and east of Ypres. There have been no infantry actions. There has been considerable mining activity.

## BULGARIAN STATEMENT.

SOFIA, November 16, via London, November 17: On the 14th along the whole front the operations were developing favorably.

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## AUSTRIAN STATEMENT.

VIENNA, November 16, via London, November 17: Russian theater: There is nothing new.

Italian theater: The northern sector of the plateau of Dobrovo was the scene yesterday of obstinate fighting for positions on both sides of Monte San Michele. The fighting has continued day and night. On the northern slopes of this mountain the Italians repeatedly penetrated our lines.

By evening we had almost completely succeeded in ejecting the enemy. Engagements at close quarters in the sector of San Martino continue before the Gorizia bridgehead. Enemy attacks on Podgora heights were repulsed.

Southeastern theater. Near Gorasoda, on the Montenegrin frontier, there have been skirmishes.

Serbian theater: The pursuit everywhere is progressing. The Austro-Hungarian troops have reached the district of Uvae, Cigota, Planina and the heights of Javor. The German column of the army of Gen. Koweski is advancing on both sides of the road between Kraljevo and Novipazar, and captured Ustke. An Austro-Hungarian force, advancing farther east, has crossed the road from Basika to Kurumija, near Babica, and stormed the Serbian intrenchments on the Lucak mountain, east of Babica, capturing three officers, 110 men and one machine gun.

Bulgarian divisions from the north and east are approaching the junction at Kurumija.

## GERMAN STATEMENT.

BERLIN, November 16, via London, November 17: Western theater of war: Three attempts of the French to recapture trenches we took from them on the northeast of Ecurie November 14 failed.

On the remainder of the front, with the exception of artillery duels and mine warfare in different sectors, nothing of importance occurred.

Repeated bombardments of Lens by the artillery of the enemy in the period between October 22 and November 12 have resulted in the death of thirty-three inhabitants and the injury of fifty-five. No military damage was done.

Eastern theater of war: The situation is the same.

Balkan theater of war: Pursuit of the enemy continued vigorously. Yesterday more than 1,000 Serbians were taken prisoners and two machine guns and three cannons were captured.

## ITALIAN STATEMENT.

ROME, November 16, via Paris, November 17: In the Adige valley, during the morning of the 14th, the enlarged and straightened front was occupied on the steep hill which slopes down from Zugnatara toward Rovereto, on the left bank of the Leno de Valtorta.

The enemy immediately opened a violent artillery fire from Monte Ghella and launched an infantry attack, but was repulsed by the Padola valley enemy detachments trying to approach our positions were beaten off, leaving a number of prisoners in our hands.

On the Fella valley one of our detachments met enemy troops near Novara, which were attacked and dispersed, the enemy abandoning rifles and munitions in his flight.

On the Carso plateau yesterday there was an intense artillery duel. The enemy's artillery fired all day against positions recently occupied by us without preventing our reinforcements from coming up. In the Monte San Michele one of the enemy's two violent successive attacks in force on our line, but each time was stopped by the rapid and accurate fire of our artillery, and finally had to retreat, with heavy loss.

## MONTENEGRIN STATEMENT.

CETTINJE, November 15, via Paris, November 17: The Austrian attacks against our sanjak army were repulsed in violence all day on the 14th. We succeeded, nevertheless, in maintaining our positions and inflicting tremendous losses upon the enemy. We have repulsed Austrian attacks upon Norich and Trokavac. Artillery fighting along the remainder of the front continues.

## RUSSIAN STATEMENT.

PETROGRAD, November 16, via London, November 17: Along the whole of the front from Riga to the Pripiet river nothing of importance has taken place. In the region of the villages of Tamny and Khriak, at the crossings of the Str river, the fighting continues.

In the Caucasus, near Lake Urumiah, our troops have dispersed bands of Kurds who were supported by Turkish regulars.

## GERMAN STATEMENT.

BERLIN, November 17, via London, 2:45 p.m.: The pursuit in the mountains made further satisfactory progress. The

## Serbians were unable to delay our advance to any appreciable extent.

More than 2,000 prisoners, one machine gun and one cannon remained in our hands.

Western theater of war: Apart from artillery duels and mining warfare at certain points on the front there is nothing to report.

Eastern theater of war: Russian destroyers yesterday bombarded Petragge, on the northern coast of Courland, and the region to the southwest thereof. Otherwise the situation is unchanged.

## FRENCH STATEMENT.

PARIS, November 17, 2:53 p.m.: Nothing of importance occurred last night, with the exception of artillery actions in the valley of the Aisne, in the region of Fentony, in the Champagne and in the Woivre to the north of Filirey.

## BENNING HORSES UNINSURED.

Owners of Fifteen Animals Dying in Fire Lose \$9,000.

Fire Marshal Nicholson yesterday afternoon made an investigation of the fire at the Benning race track and learned that fifteen horses died as a result of the conflagration. Twelve were burned to death and three were killed. He reported their value as being \$9,000. The loss of harness and other equipment was placed at \$4,400, while the stables that were destroyed involved losses aggregating \$12,000. An

insurance of \$7,800 was carried on the stables, but not a cent of insurance was carried by the owners of the horses.

John Williams, white, and John Smith, colored, who were asleep in stable No. 1 when the fire started, and who were severely burned, are patients at Casualty Hospital. Williams, who is from Memphis, Tenn., is in a critical condition, while Smith, it is thought, has a chance for recovery.

## ENTERTAINED AT PRESS CLUB.

James A. Shoemaker and Herbert Corey Special Guests of Writers.

Eight members of the writers' fraternity of Washington played host last night to James A. Shoemaker, superintendent of Glacier National Park for the Great Northern railway, at the National Press Club. Mr. Shoemaker entertained the newspaper and magazine men on a trip made through the national park two years ago.

Herbert Corey, the war correspondent, who was a member of the party that visited the park, also was an honor guest.

Following the dinner, Mr. Corey, who insists he is not a speaker, in answer to the questions of the diners, told of his experiences on the different war fronts, thus giving many of the intimate details of the fighting that never pass the censor and therefore never find their way into the American newspapers.

Those at the dinner, beside Mr. Shoemaker and Mr. Corey, were: P. S. Riddale, Dr. John Foote, John Oliver La Gorce, Victor Kaufmann, Edward R. Padgett, Charles M. Pepper, William Thornton Du Puy, Fred C. Kelly, Dr. L. E. Van Norman, Colvin B. Brown, Franklin P. Adams and Roy Baker.

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5 styles of Misses' and Children's Vel Kid and Gun Metal Calf Button and Laced Boots—sizes 8½ to 2.

4 styles of Small Boys' Good Wearing Calf or Kid or Patent Leather Button and Laced Shoes, sizes 10 to 12.

1 style of Big Boys' Sturdy Gun Metal Calf Bluchers, sizes 1 to 5½.

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Women's and Misses' Plush Coats, \$24.85

Lovely Soft Pile Plush Coats, very rich looking and luxurious. Some have large natural opossum collars, and there is plenty of variation in the full, loose belted styles. Superior five-year guaranteed linings.

Women's Hindu Lynx Coats, \$14.85

Made in the popular flare style, with a large and rich looking collar of imitation seal and ermine. Beautifully styled with belt, double cuffs and large buttons.

Women's & Misses' Fur-Trimmed Suits

Of French diagonals, in shades of brown, blue, plum, green and black. Coats are gracefully styled with a decided flare, finished with a band of fur about the neck and cuffs at bottom.

\$14.85

New and Clever Fur-Trimmed Suits

Cleverly designed and tailored of poplins, whipcords, broadcloth, gabardines and English cloth, guaranteed silk linings. Plain or Plated Coats. Colors are blue, brown, green and black. Band of opossum fur about neck and cuffs.

\$23.75

Smartly Made Dresses of Serge and Silk

One-piece princess styles of navy blue, brown or black serge, combined with silk collar, cuffs and girdle to harmonize. Some have silk sleeves. Pretty trimmed.

\$5.90

Holiday Preparation Sale In the Blouse Shop

Embroidered Jap Silk Blouses, 89c. Prettily designed, with pointed collar and dainty embroidered design front. All white. Long sleeves and pearl buttons.

Perfectly Exquisite Silk Blouses at \$3.75

Of radiance silk, Pussy Willow silks, slinky laces, crepe de chine and Georgette crepe. Colors are pink, flesh, white and convertible and lay-down collars, with pointed ends. Some are exquisitely embroidered and trimmed.

Novelty Silk Blouses, \$2.50

Of all-silk pongees, in shades of flesh and white. Buttons are self-covered; collar can be worn high or low, just as you fancy. Simply designed, yet as stylish and smart looking as can be.

Holiday Preparation Sale Men's and Women's Sweaters

It's sweater time—and this little nor'wester is just a foretaste of what's coming. Yet the cost of a Sweater is trifling—nothing, comfort considered.

Men's Sweaters, 95c

Colors are gray and navy—two pockets, shawl collar—woven of a good warm wool mixture.

Men's \$2.50 Sweaters, \$1.79

Very warm and serviceable Wool Sweaters, with two pockets and big shawl collar that comes up about the ears or lays flat. A splendid Coat Sweaters. Blue and gray are the colors.

Men's \$3.50 & \$4 Sweaters, \$2.85

Heavy Wool Coat Sweaters, with or without collars, in shades of oxford, navy and maroon. Two pockets.

Women's and Misses' All-Wool Sweaters, \$2.98

"V" neck style in the new corded weaves, with Notair buttonhole and pearl buttons; splendidly made and woven to fit perfectly; finished with pockets; colors are green, navy, gray, brown and white.

Holiday Preparation Sale of Women's Hose and Underwear

Women's 29c Underwear, 19c

Heavy-weight Ribbed Cotton Vests, with neatly trimmed necks.

Women's 50c Union Suits, 35c

Of white ribbed cotton; made with high neck and long sleeves; form-fitting and perfectly cut.

Women's \$1.00 Union Suits, 59c

Of heavy-weight fleeced ribbed cotton; made with high neck and long sleeves; glove-fitting and comfortable.

Women's 29c and 35c Silk Fiber Hose, pair, 19c

In black and colors, with double soles, toes and heels; cotton garter tops.

Women's 50c Silk Stockings, Pair, 29c

Some subject to slight factory imperfections; full-fashioned, boot silk style, in black only; double garter tops.

Women's \$1.00 and \$1.25 Silk Hose, Pair, 66c

Full-fashioned ingrain silk stockings, in black and colors.

Holiday Preparation Sale Misses' Evening Dresses—

\$24.50 Values

\$16.95

Every one is a sample, so you can realize how exceptionally well made they are. The styles and colorings are beautiful. There are adorable styles of taffeta, with bodices of net silver trimmings; wide crushed silk girdles; another "dear of a dress" is of pink and turquoise net, with deep flounce of pink silk, trimmed in flowers.

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Misses' \$15 Coats of Boucle, \$9.65

With collars of fur; made in the "Chin Chin" fashion; five-inch belt and double cuffs of self-cloth; colors are navy and black; fully lined.

Holiday Preparation Sale Bath Robes, House Dresses, Etc.

Tomorrow will be a busy, hustling day in this department, because everybody is anxious to save when they can get really exceptional merchandise like this at Holiday Preparation Sale prices.

Women's Bath Robes of \$2.88

Beacon Blanket Cloth, \$2.88

Made full and roomy, of Beacon blanket cloth, trimmed with white cord on collar, cuffs and pocket, with girdle to match. Indian, conventional and floral designs, in color combinations of blue and gold. Copenhagen, gray, navy, red, pink, rose and lavender. All sizes.

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\$2.25 House Dresses at 95c

Of percale and Amoskeag gingham, in a varied assortment of checks and stripes. Some with set-in vests of embroidery; high neck and long sleeves. Many dresses of plain blue chambray, suitable for nurses' uniforms, included, adjustable and extra sizes, 34 to 56.

89c Extra Size Muslin Gowns, 55c

Made of fine cambric in high-neck and long-sleeve styles; yoke of tucks and embroidery. Sizes 19 and 20.

75c Corsets, Special at 39c

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